The Middletown Transcript.

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SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 18, 1875.

THE VIRGINIA SENATOR.—HON. J. W. Johnson, just re-elected by the Legislature of Virginia to represent that State for another six years term in the United States Senate, is a nephew of Gen. Jos. E. Johnson, and has an excellent reputation as a lawyer. He was formerly a Republican, but became disgusted with the radicalism of that party and joined the Conservatives several years ago. He was first elected to the Senate in 1870, consequently his present term will not expire till 1877.

THE THIRD TERM.—The resolution passed by such an overwhelming majority of the members of the lower House of Congress, a few days ago, denunciatory of third terms must have cast quite a damper upon Mr. Grant's aspirations to be President longer than Washington was, the more especially as so many of the Republican members coincided with the Democrats in regard to it.—This ought to have the effect of putting a quietus upon the clamors of his office holding satellites about keeping President Grant in office. Where is Bishop Haven now?

THE Wilmington *Republican* opposes the proposed amendment to the Constitution making the Presidential term of office six years and the occupant ineligible to a second election. It thinks that the "founders of our system of government were quite as wise as our present law makers." This is pretty good doctrine, but how long since the *Republican* came to think so? Are the "present law makers" (and Executive) a majority of whom are Republicans, less wise than the wiseacres who tacked the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution? Does that paper really think that the old fogies of 1776 were wiser than the progressive gentry of 1876?

Proceedings of Congress.

SENATE—*Monday, Dec. 13th.*—Mr. Anthony presented a memorial from 2,325 New England Quakers in favor of an international arbitration to settle disputes without war. Mr. Sargent (Rep. Cal.) introduced a bill to protect persons of foreign birth against involuntary servitude. Mr. Davis (Dem. W. Va.) submitted a resolution calling the Secretary of the Treasurer to account for not having, since 1865, furnished Congress with a list of defaulters to the Government and the amount they stole, &c. This was objected to by the Republican Senators and laid over till next day. Mr. Morrill (Vt.) offered a resolution in favor of providing by general law for the extradition of foreign fugitives from justice who escape to this country, the object being to prevent the United States from being made an asylum for escaped criminals from other lands. Bills were introduced in reference to the Pacific R. R., and to prohibit the continuous confinement of animals in transportation for more than 24 hours, requiring them to be unloaded, fed, watered, rested, &c., and allowing the carriers a lien upon them to secure payment of expenses.

House, not in session.

SENATE—*Tuesday.*—Bill was reported from the judiciary committee extending the time for the duration of the Alabama claims commission. The resolution of Mr. Davis, of West Virginia, calling for information in regard to defaulters and the amounts involved for the last ten years, was referred to the committee on finance by a strict party vote—35 yeas to 25 nays. The motion of Mr. West, of Louisiana, authorizing the withdrawal from the files of the Senate of the credentials of W. L. McMillan as Senator from Louisiana elicited a sharp debate. Messrs. Whyte, Thurman, Bayard and Stevenson opposing the withdrawal, and Messrs. Morton and Howe favoring it. A motion by Mr. Whyte to refer to the committee on privileges and elections was lost, and the motion to allow the withdrawal of the credentials was agreed to by a vote of 30 to 28, Mr. Dawes voting with the democrats in the negative.

HOUSE.—Mr. Blaine, of Maine, introduced his school amendment to the constitution of the United States, which was referred to the judiciary committee Mr. Randall, of Pennsylvania, introduced a proposed amendment to the constitution providing that after the beginning of the next Presidential term, and after it shall have been ratified by the several State Legislatures, the term of the President and Vice-President in office shall not exceed six years, and making the incumbent of the office ineligible to re-election. Mr. Bright, of Tennessee, presented a bill providing for the free transmission through the mails of the Congressional Record. Mr. Starkweather, of Connecticut, gave notice that on the first Monday the House shall be in session he proposed to ask suspension of the rules to pass his bill repealing the increased postal rate on third-class matter and newspapers. Mr. O'Brien, of Maryland, offered a resolution directing the Secretary of the Treasury, if not incompatible with public business, to report in regard to the practicability of transferring the several bureaus of the internal revenue department to the control of the commissioner of customs. Mr. Buckner, of Mo., offered a resolution that the President be requested to furnish the House all the correspondence relating to the dismissal of ex-Senator Henderson as special counsel for the prosecution of whisky frauds in St. Louis; under the rule, the resolution was ordered to lie over one day. Mr. Fort, Rep., of Illinois, introduced a resolution providing that in all appointments to subordinate positions under the House, wounded Union soldiers, not disabled from performing the duties, shall be preferred. The resolution was defeated by a strict party vote—yeas 99, nays 166. Mr. Cox, of New York, offered an amendment, providing that inasmuch as the union of the States had been restored, all its citizens were entitled to consideration by the government. He moved that both the original proposition and the amendment be referred to the committee on accounts, which was ordered.

SENATE—*Wednesday.*—Mr. Morton submitted a resolution setting forth alleged frauds and outrages in the Mississippi election, and calling for a committee of investigation; he also offered current resolutions declaring that the doctrine that a State has a right to secede from the Union is inconsistent with the idea of nationally, in conflict with the constitution, and should be regarded as extinguished by the suppression of the rebellion. A resolution offered by Mr. Stevenson, calling on the Secretary of the Treasury for all correspondence and instructions relating to the recent revenue frauds at St. Louis, Chicago and Milwaukee, was withdrawn after debate.

HOUSE.—Various resolutions were introduced. Among the most important was one by Mr. Hale declaring that measures should be taken to render the specie resumption act effective. Bills were introduced fixing the rate for third class mail matter at one cent for every 2 ounces or fractions thereof; and for the removal of political disabilities imposed by the third section of the fourteenth article of amendment to the constitution. A resolution was adopted by a large majority that in the present financial condition of the goverment no subsidies in any form should be granted, and that all appropriations ought to be limited to what is imperatively demanded by the public service. A resolution was adopted by a vote of 231 to 18 declaring that the precedent established by Washington and other Presidents in retiring after a second term has become, by universal concurrence, a part of our republican system of government, and protesting that any departure therefrom would be unwise, unpatriotic and fraught with danger to our free institutions. A resolution abolishing the committee on freedmen's affairs was agreed to. A concurrent resolution was adopted providing for an adjournment of both Houses from Monday next to the 4th of January

SENATE—*Thursday*—Mr. Spencer, of Ala., said the Legislature of that State had at the last session raised a committee to inquire into his election. He denied the authority of the Legislature to make the inquiry but submitted a resolution, which was agreed to, instructing the committee on privileges and elections to inquire whether any corrupt means had been used in his election. The House concurrent resolution to adjourn from Monday next to January 4 was amended by inserting January 5 and adopted. Mr Morton called up his resolution providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate alleged frauds in the Mississippi election After discussion by Messrs. Bayard and Thurman against, and Morton in favor of the resolution, it was laid over upon the request of Mr. Gordon Mr. Cooper stated that the resolutions concerning his late colleague Andrew Johnson, would be presented on the 11th of January. The House was not in session.

From the Country Gentleman.

Tricky Dealings.

In these days of the Grange, while the tricks of the trade and of the middlemen are receiving so much attention we must not altogether neglect to look after the tricks of the producer, for we do not find him to be much more sinless than other men That those in the trade resort to tricks to dispose of their stock we do not deny, but only claim that the farmer or producer is not free from a similar charge.

In hop-growing districts it is considered necessary to secure the bags with a certain number of wooden pins. The size of these pins has been gradually increased until the Rural Press notes a case where careful weighing showed that when hops were worth fifty-six cents per pound the buyer of the particular sacks alluded to had to pay from five to six dollars per sack for wood, or that, in other words, there were about ten pounds of wood used in securing the bale.

It is also charged that the custom of marking each bale with the owner's name and the year of growth, has been abused by the grower marking name and the three first figures of the year, leaving the last to be added when a sale is to be made.

Nor need we go so far west for one illustration of the tricks of the producer, for I have seen a Chester county farmer go out to the wood and split out green chestnut strips to put around his bales of hay, and thus literally load the bale down with wood. This practice is running to such a length as to seriously injure the trade in baled hay, and should be stopped by some kind of legislation That a few pieces of wood are needful to secure the hay, may be true, but that twelve (three on a side) pieces, each two inches wide and three quarters or an inch thick, are needed, is preposterous. The law should either compel the marking of the net weight of the hay or else limit the weight of wood. The laws of some of the States compel the branding of the owner's name and net weight of the bale upon the wood used, and I fail to see anything unfair in it. Purchasers all know that a barrel of apples will seldom run the same throughout. The largest and finest are often placed at either end, and the poor ones in the middle. For this the producer charges the agent or middleman, but we think it may be fairly divided between them. The time once was when a basket of fruit would approach somewhere near to a bushel, but now it requires shrewd measurement to get five half pecks out of some of them. It will not do to charge this to the manufacturers of the baskets, for if there was not a demand for small ones he would not make them. To avoid this we might adopt the Californian plan, and sell alto[illegible] by the hundred pounds. It seems that there are tricks in all trades, not even excepting "ours." T. J. E.

Hon. John W. Johnson, of Washington county, Va., was nominated to succeed himself in the United States Senate by the conservative legislative caucus in Richmond, Wednesday, on the forty-fifth ballot.

It is said to be the intention of the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives to announce the standing committees of that body on the 21st instant, and that immediately thereafter the two Houses of Congress will adjourn for the usual holiday recess.

General News.

A bill appropriating $20,000 for a proper representation of West Virginia at the Philadelphia centennial passed the Senate by a large majority.

The $30,000 horse race at San Francisco is announced to come off on Christmas day It is supposed that six horses will participate.

The State Grange of Massachusetts adopted resolutions, Tuesday, favoring the taxing of church property and deposits in savings banks.

The United States minister from Gautamala denies that he has been robbed of $15,000,000, he not ever having had that or a similar amount of bond in his possession.

Commodore Vanderbilt has made an additional donation of $100,000 to the Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tenn., making a total of $700,000 to that institution.

Rev John Henry Hobart Brown of Cohoes, N. Y., was consecrated Bishop of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, St. John's Church, Troy, N. Y., Wednesday, Bishop Potter presiding.

A deficiency of $30,000 has been discovered in the accounts of Daniel Blaisdell, Treasurer of Dartmouth College. He died last August, and his family have placed all their property at the disposal of the college.

An election for Congressman to fill a vacancy was held Wednesday in the Fourth District of Tennessee. The returns indicate the election of Riddle, the Democratic candidate.

At the recent municipal election in Matamoras, Mexico, a fight occurred in which the two candidates for mayor were wounded and three men and one boy killed. Senor Fenentez was elected mayor.

While a large congregation was present in the Universalist church, at Provincetown, Mass., on Monday, an unknown person set fire to the building, creating a great panic before the flames were subdued.

The New York papers publish a semi-official statement of the late census of that State. The total population is put down at 4,704,804. This is an increase over the census of 1865 of 863,113. and an increase over the United States census of 1870 of 322,081.

At Bridgeport, Connecticut, Tuesday night, a destructive fire did much damage to the Wheeler & Wilson and the Secor sewing machine factories, and threatened St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. The loss will probably reach $500,000, with insurance of 300,000.

E. H. Stokes, the father of Edward Stokes, who killed Jim Fiske, was buried Monday at New York. A petition was made by Stokes to the Governor of New York to be allowed to attend his father's funeral on brief leave of absence from the State prison, but it is understood that the application was refused.

From Arkansas comes information that at Walnut Bend, in that State, one O. N. Thompson was killed by John F. Smith in a quarrel about wages, and Smith was tried and acquitted. Thompson's wife testified at the trial that her husband had killed four men since she and he were married.

In view of recent outrages on the California border by Mexicans, the citizens of San Diego have organized a volunteer force to preserve order. Antonio Soreo, of Lower California, who has been foremost in his efforts to maintain order and punish brigands, was found dead on the road, shot through the head. Vigilants are searching for the murderers.

MURDER IN CAROLINE COUNTY.—Near Preston, Caroline county, Md., on Saturday night, a colored man named Sam Butler, between sixty and seventy years of age, shot his son Albert Kelly Butler, a young man, inflicting injuries from which he died on Sunday afternoon The evidence before the coroner's jury showed that during Saturday two grown up brothers of young Butler went to the house where the old man usually stays during the winter, but which is owned by his wife, and taking a horse belonging to their mother they went to Easton. When the old man found out what had been done he became very angry and went in search of the boys, but during his absence Kelly, intoxicated, returned with the horse. A quarrel ensued, when the father raised a stout stick to strike his son, but the latter wrested it from him. He next got an axe and had it raised over the young man's head, but Kelly seized it and took it away also. He then seized a gun from over the door and pointed it towards his son, who immediately caught hold of the barrel and attempted to get it away from his father, but in the struggle the gun was discharged, the whole load, including wad, entering Kelly's abdomen, producing death as above stated The murdered man made an ante-mortem statement, charging his father with the murder. The murderer was arrested on Sunday and lodged in the county jail.

"CONSISTENCY is a jewel," which is becoming to everybody, and especially those who sit in high places. President Grant declared himself so insulted by what he was pleased to regard as reflections upon his character by Mr. Henderson in the crooked whiskey trials, that after a consultation with the Cabinet, it was unanimously agreed by all present, that the offender should not have another opportunity of aspersing the reputation of his employer. Even if Henderson was really guilty of the offense charged, the action of the President and his constitutional advisers is open to criticism, for there was marked inconsistency in it. If Grant was so sensitive about his honor, that Henderson's allusions to his unwarranted interference with Douglass were regarded as mortal insults, that could be wiped out only by the dismissal of that gentleman from further participation in the trials, what becomes of that sensitiveness when he throws around his private secretary the mantle of his protection, and retains him about his person just as formerly, although under indictment for complicity in one of the biggest frauds ever attempted upon the Government? Putting that and that together it renders the tempest raised around Henderson's head a very much of a teapot affair.—*Phila. Evening Chronicle.*

"PETERSON" FOR JANUARY.—We thought the December number of "Peterson's Magazine" could not be beaten, yet here is the January number, even more beautiful still. There are two steel engravings, a mammoth colored fashion-plate and a splendid Berlin pattern in twelve colors; besides innumerable wood engravings of fashions, patterns, etc. The principal steel-plate, "A Little Tot of 1776," is after a celebrated picture by Sir Joshua Reynolds; and she is about the most charming, cunning little lady we have ever seen. A very powerful novelet, called "The Days of Seventy-six," is begun, by Mrs. Ann S. Stephens. All the stories are good, however, even better than usual. There is also an illustrated article on old Independence Hall, in Philadelphia, and the Declaration of Independence, which was signed there It is the best number "Peterson" has ever issued, and that is saying a very great deal. It seems to us that everybody will take "Peterson" in 1876, it is so cheap and yet so good. As a guide for the fashions, it has no rival "You do not know how to dress," says a cotemporary, "till you have seen 'Peterson'" The price is only two dollars a year, with great deductions to clubs, and valuable premiums to persons getting up clubs. Specimens are sent, gratis, to those wishing to get up clubs. Address CHARLES J. PETERSON, 306 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

DEATH OF A HERO OF TWO BATTLES.—James Robinson, colored, the owner of the "Robinson House," on the Bull Run battle field, near Manassas, Va., died a few days since. He witnessed both of the memorable battles, remaining on his place with his family during those terrible scenes of blood. His house received hundreds of bullets and one solid twenty-four pounder, which went through a bed-room, carrying away one post of a bed upon which lay a sick Confederate soldier. He witnessed the death of the Confederate Generals Bee and Bartow, which took place within a hundred yards of his door He saw the marble monument erected to their memory, and saw the federal soldiers destroy the same at the second battle. He gathered up the fragments and preserved them, and up to the time of his death would give visitors to the battle field who desired it a small piece of the marble as a memento.

THE PROPOSED MONUMENT TO GENERAL LEE.—S. Basset French, secretary of the board of managers of the Lee Monument Association, Richmond, Va., has addressed a circular to the Southern Press, in which he states that it is the desire of the board that every Southern family shall be visited and solicited to contribute to the proposed monument fund. It is believed that the 19th of January next, the anniversary of Geueral Lee's birth, will be the most suitable day for the general canvass to take place; and circular letters have been prepared requesting ordinaries, judges of counties, and mayors of towns in the Southern States to "lay off their respective counties and towns into numerous and convenient divisions, and appoint canvassers for each, who, upon official notice given, shall on that day make the domiciliary visits and solicit generous contributions." All returns are to be made to Hon. R. M. T Hunter, treasurer of Virginia and also treasurer of the board.

A WRESTLING MATCH.—The wrestling match in New York on Saturday evening between Prof. T. Bauer and M. Audre Christol was one of the most skillful exhibitions of athletic exercises ever witnessed in this country. The contest, which was for the stake of $1,000, took place on the stage of the Grand Opera House, and was witnessed by an audience of at least 2,000 persons. In personal appearance the two men were entirely different. Bauer is not only taller, but weighs fourteen pounds more than Christol: but the latter is much the more powerful. The contest began at 8.35 and was concluded at 9.50, and the victory was awarded to Bauer, who won two falls out of three.

THE PATRONS OF HUSBANDRY have leased a tract of forty acres of land, with ample buildings, at Elm Station, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, for their Centennial Encampment next year. The place is not more than four miles from Fairmount Park, and is amply supplied with water and shade. Buildings are to be erected that will require 2,000,000 feet of lumber, for the grangers and their families from all parts of the United States.

MARRIED.

BEASTEN—CASPERSON.—December 14th, 1875, in St. Andrew's P E. Church, Wilming on, Del., by the Rt. Rev. Alfred Lee, D. D., J. Mitchell Beasten, of Cecilton, Md., and Mary S. Casperson, of Wilmington, Del.

WORRALL—BLACKSON.—On the 9th inst., by Rev. J. France, Wilmer Worrall, of Newark, Del., to Hannah Blackson, of Cecil co., Md.

DIED.

ATHERLEY.—On the 12th inst, at Odessa, Del, John Atherley, aged 72 years, 5 mos., and 25 days.

JEFFERIS.—On the 10th inst., at his residence at Fair Hill, Cecil county, Md., Joseph R Jefferis.

MAXWELL.—On December 11th, at Delaware City, George Maxwell, in the 86th year of his age.

THE MARKETS.

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY COX & JONES.

Wheat, new	$1.28@ 1.32
Corn, yellow,	50 cts.
Corn, White,	50 cts.
Oats	35@38
Timothy Seed	4 25
Clover "	8.00@8 00
Beans	75@90

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.

CORRECTED WEEKLY BY S. M. REYNOLDS.

Eggs	28 cts. ₰ doz
Butter	30cts. ₰ lb
Lard	14@16 " "
Potatoes, new	60 cts ₰ bus.
Chickens, dressed	13 cts. ₰ lb.
Turkeys, dressed	14@16 "
Geese, "	7@8 "
Ducks. "	11@12 "

PHILADELPHIA MARKETS.

Prime red wheat	$1 42@1.50 ₰ bus.
Corn, yellow, old	70@73 ₰ bus.
Corn, " new	58@66 ₰ bus.
Oats (Pennsylvania) new	40@43 cts.
Clover seed	10@10½ ₰ lb.
Timothy	2.25

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

Wheat, good to amber	1.45@$1 50
Corn, white, old	68@70
Corn, " new	55@60
Corn, yellow, old	68@70
Corn, " new	57@60
Oats, Southern	40@50 cts.
Rye	83@90

New Advertisements.

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BY ORDER of the Orphans' Court in Kent County, the undersigned, Executor of ALEXANDER WILSON, dec'd, will sell at Public Sale at the late residence of said deceased, at Wilson's Point, Kent county,

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1 WHEAT DRILL, in good order.
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1 GRAIN FAN,
1 MIX HORSE POWER,
2 HAY PRESSES,
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For the third,	200
For the fourth,	100
For the fifth,	75
For the sixth	50

CONDITIONS.

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1. All the stories are to be American in their scenes, subjects and character, in whole or in part; that is to say, the basis of the story must be American, but this condition does not preclude such incidental diversion from American scenes, subjects and character as may be necessary to interesting development of the story.

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3. All the stories received in competition for the prizes will become the property of the proprietors of *The Baltimore Weekly Sun* after an award of the prizes has been made—this condition including all the unsuccessful as well as the six successful stories.

4. That the award may be made solely upon the merits of the contributions, and independent of all the influence connected with name and position, the writer must withhold his or her name from the story itself, and enclose it, with the title of the story, in a sealed note addressed to the publishers, either by mail or inclosed in the MS.

5. The MS stories, marked "prize story," to be addressed to A S. Abell & Co., publishers *Baltimore Weekly Sun*, Baltimore, Md., who will hand them over to the Committee of Decision and withhold the name of the author until the award is made.

6. All the stories to be submitted to a Committee of Decision, selected by the proprietors of *The Baltimore Weekly Sun*, with a view to their literary experience, taste and judgment, whose award shall be final.

7. The MS. to be on good paper—not thin paper—and on one side of it only.

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Eighteen hundred and seventy-six is the Centennial year. It is also the year in which an Opposition House of Representatives, the first since the war, will be in power at Washington; and the year of the twenty-third election of a President of the United States. All of these events are sure to be of great interest and importance, especially the two latter; and all of them and everything connected with them will be fully and freshly reported and expounded in THE SUN.

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8 00	5 15			Philadelphia	10 20	5 35	8 20
9 20	6 40	5 00		Wilmington	8 52	4 05	6 45
9 40	6 46			Del. Junction	8 43	3 57	
9 52	7 00	5 25		New Castle	8 32	3 46	6 21
9 54	7 05			State Road	8 22	3 37	
10 03	7 13			Bear	8 19	3 34	
10 06	7 16			Rodney	8 11	3 25	
10 14	7 25	5 56		Kirkwood	8 08	3 22	5 50
10 24	7 35	6 10		Mt. Pleasant	7 57	3 11	5 34
10 43	7 55	6 30		Middletown	7 46	3 01	5 20
10 53	8 05	6 42		Townsend	7 37	2 44	4 59
10 58	8 11	6 50		Blackbird	7 21	2 34	4 47
11 07	8 19	7 12		Green Spring	7 12	2 26	4 35
11 14	8 25	7 23		Clayton	7 07	2 21	4 26
11 28	8 41			Smyrna	6 45	2 00	
11 19	8 31	7 30		Pranford	6 59	2 11	4 11
11 28	8 38	7 41		Moorton	6 52	2 04	3 59
11 39	8 50	7 56		Dover	6 42	1 52	3 41
11 46	8 58	8 06		Wyoming	6 32	1 42	3 25
11 54	9 06			Woodside	6 23	1 33	3 09
11 59	9 11			Canterbury	6 18	1 27	2 59
12 05	9 17	8 35		Felton	6 13	1 12	2 51
12 21	9 33	8 57		Harrington	6 00	1 08	2 29
12 29		9 08		Farmington		12 54	2 06
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12 53		9 36		Bridgeville		12 33	1 36
1 13		11 01		Seaford		12 16	12 56
1 28		10 25		Laurel		12 57	12 35
1 40		10 45		Delmar		11 45	12 15

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5 21	7 12	Chaddsford,	9 24	7 34
6 30	8 20	Coatesville,	8 25	6 35
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Agricultural.

Profit in Farming.

We take the following extract from an address delivered before the Kishwaukee, Ill., Farmers' Club:

Profit in farming consists wholly in dollars and cents. The intelligent farmer who loves his business, and successfully rears his family in spite of insects, drouth or storms, and at the same time increases the fertility of his soil, without being engulfed in a whirlpool of debts, is really richer in true manhood and life usefulness than many a millionaire with his ill-gotten gains. We do not expect, and hardly care, to convince each other, that any one branch of farm pursuit is so much more profitable than others as to make us rush pell-mell to that branch, for which, perhaps, neither aptitude nor education in farm life fit us Of course as a body of intelligent gentlemen, we expect to learn many things from our comparison of views and statement of facts. For one, I shall be content if we show to each other several methods by which farmers with ordinary intelligence and without too constant and excessive toil, can secure enough of this world's goods to make life happy, home cheerful, our children intelligent, and an accumulating safety fund for our declining years I would not have farmers all rich if I could, for very few of the rich men are such as we delight to honor; but I would gladly see that day of jubilee that must have so cheered the ancient world, when debts were banished from existence. This great northwest, aptly styled the garden of the world, is crippled from debt, till great masses of farmers are not really free men. Farmers owe the merchant, and hence, in a measure feel compelled to trade on, in spite, it may be of excessive prices The implement vender has many a farmer's note running at ten per cent., piled on top, perhaps, of a fifty per cent. profit to start with; hence, such vender or agent has almost complete control of many, who dare not assert their freedom for fear of consequences. We have settled this goodly land, endured many hardships, toiled early and late to rear our families and provide comfortable homes for coming years; and while I rejoice in the success of many, still I cannot close my eyes to the painful fact that more than half the farmers of the west are slaves to debt. Farm mortgages and notes, with high rates of interest, are rapidly eating out their substance. Now, if in our discussions we can suggest any branch or branches of farming that will tend to lift the struggling farmer from his difficulties—point out to him a more excellent way—we shall have accomplished a good work.

Preparation for Winter Flowers.

It is best even in summer, to make a little preparation for winter flowers, and it is surprising what a little forethought will do in this direction. A pot of mignonette and another of sweet alyssum cost nothing, and yet few things will be found more pleasant and attractive in the winter season Plants that appear unimportant, almost insignificant, and entirely eclipsed by more ambitious rivals, when the garden is ablaze with its summer glory, sometimes prove to be very queens of beauty when transferred to the sitting-room or the bay window.

The balsam is a very desirable plant for winter blooming, particularly the white, and towards autumn we often select cuttings from a few of the finest plants in the garden, and root them in pots for winter flowers. The stock is equally good. The cobœ scandens, and nearly all the climbers, make excellent winter bloomers. We mention these things because they are so easily grown, yet every way desirable. To grow plants for winter flowering, seed can be sown about July or August, in a shady, cool place in the garden, or in boxes, the soil being kept well watered, and by autumn, plants will be just right to transfer to the house. Of course as plants get large enough to transplant, they must be put in pots in which they are to flower. Mignonette and sweet alyssum may be sown as late as September. Put from three to six plants in a pot. The Maderia vine tubers may be kept out of the ground till the latter part of June; and if then planted in pots will be in just proper condition to transfer to house and will prove no mean ornament to the window garden.

The tuberose should be treated in just the same manner, and will flower in the early winter.

Any plants in open ground that have not bloomed may be taken up carefully and potted, shading a few days after potting and given a full supply of water.

Look around the garden before frost, and see if you have young and strong plants that proved a little late for outdoor flowering, that you would like to grow in pots. If so, take them up with as little disturbance as possible, put in good soil, and treat as previously directed.—*Md. Ploughman.*

SMOOTHING LAWNS.—A very easy and practicable method of smoothing the surface of a lawn that is well turfed, with slight inequalities in it, is to cart on good earth that is finely divided and then go over it with a board scraper. This fills the holes and low spots, and the grass will prick through the loose earth holding it in place until firmly established.

Humorous.

A POSITIVE DISADVANTAGE.—"Marse John, gimme four bits, please sir; you ain't treated dis nigger sence de war," said Si to the son of his old owner, yesterday.

"What do you want with it, Si?" queried the young man.

"Want ter go to de circus, Marse John. You know how a nigger is!"

"But, Si, fifty cents wont take you in now. The Civil Rights bill made you as good as a white man at the shows, and you'll have to pay a dollar as I do."

"Is dat de truf, Marse John?"

"Just as true as preaching."

"Dar it is agin! I tole dem niggers dey were spilen de horn when dey wanted dem sibil rites, an' hyar's de truf uv it p'int blank. I allus wuz a mighty upspoken nigger, ez you knows Marse John, 'twixt us I say dam de sibil rights, speshily when de circus is groun'!"

Si got his four bits, but he's mad yet.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

RAG MONEY AND ITS VALUE.—"Well bub," replied Bijah as he finished hanging up the broom, "this currency question bothers many besides you, though its clear enough to me You see that twenty-five cent scrip don't you?"

The boy remarked that he did, and Bijah placed it on the window sill weighed it down with a peachstone, and continued:

"That bit of paper is marked 25 cents' but is it twenty-five cents? Is it anything more than a piece of paper?"

"I dunno," solemnly replied the boy.

"Has that bit of paper any real value beyond its being a promise?" demanded Bijah.

"What paper?"

"That 'ere twenty-five——"

He stopped there. Some one had sneaked up the alley and slyly stolen both scrip of paper and peach stone.

"Never mind" condoled the boy, "it hadn't any intrinsic value."

"It hadn't eh?" growled the old janitor; "I just want to catch the wolf who absorbed it!"

WHERE IT CAME FROM.—A Detroit girl picked up a new beau the other evening at church, and when they reached her father's gate, he accepted her invitation to go in. He was perfumed to kill, and it wasn't long before his musk reached the back room in which the old folks sat. The old man was heard stubbing around, muttering and growling, and presently he opened the door and passed out and walked around the house. He came back after snuffing around for a few minutes, and pounding on the parlor door he inquired:

"E-vangeline, where's that piece of candle?"

I dont' know, father; why?" she inquired in turn.

"There's a skunk or something or other under the addition, and I've got to hunt him out or we can't live here over night."

The young man didn't stay long after that.—*Detroit Free Press.*

THE STATE WAS DRUNK.—It happened some years ago, in one of the northern counties of Vermont, that the then State's attorney, though a man of great legal ability, was rather too fond of the "critter," and with a perversity of habit, which we have often seen in others, was pretty sure to drink too deep at the very time it was most necessary that he should be sober. On one occasion an important criminal case was called by the clerk, but the attorney, with owl-like gravity, kept his chair, being in fact, not fairly able to stand on his feet. "Mr. Anthony, is the State ready to proceed?" said the judge. "Yes—hic—no; your honor," stammered the lawyer, "the State—hic—is not in a state to try this case today—the State, your honor, is drunk."

Notwithstanding that an honest man doesn't generally object to paying a hotel in advance, if the hotel is a good one, the following conversation is reported to have taken place at a Chicago house:

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"No sir, make out the bill."

"For how long, sir?"

"Well, says the stranger, you may charge me for about ten minutes on the European plan. By that time I think I shall be at a hotel where the clerks wear smaller diamonds and have more confidence in human nature."

A venerable Irish lady in Taunton, Mass., went into the telegraph office, the other evening, and stated her wish to send a message to her son in a neighboring city. Whereupon the obliging operator asked if he should write it for her, to which she hesitatingly replied. "Av ye plaze, Mister, I'll do it meself, for James knows my hand-writing."

A Rochester weather prophet says that thunder and lightning will be the order of the day for the month of January; there will be very little wind, and no ice will form of sufficient thickness to pay for storing for summer use.

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{L. S.}

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